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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my full support of the recent antitrust settlement between Microsoft and the US Department of Justice. The case has dragged on long enough and I believe the settlement is fair and in the best interests of the America public.

There are two things I completely agree with in the terms of settlement and think will be good for the IT Industry. First, the increased relations between Microsoft and computer makers and software developers will allow knowledge sharing, which is unprecedented in this industry and should promote higher growth rates. Second, designing future Windows versions so that computer makers, software developers, and consumers can more easily promote non-Microsoft products is a welcome adjustment to the current format.

But, for the IT Industry and economy to rebound this matter has to be settled as soon as possible and that will only happen when the nine states in opposition drop their lawsuits. I believe they should be scolded for their actions and I disagree fully with their intents.

Sincerely,

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